

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 3. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheets," reference numerals 10, 28a, and 28b have been added to Figure 1, as identified in paragraphs [0012] and [0013] of the specification. Also, reference numeral 63 has been added to Figure 3 as identified in paragraph [0003] of the specification, amended herewith.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant has amended the specification at the end of paragraph [0003] to delete reference numeral 62 and replace it with reference numeral 63, as identified in Figure 3.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yomogita (U.S. Pat. No. 5899461). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, the Examiner states that claims 3-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations

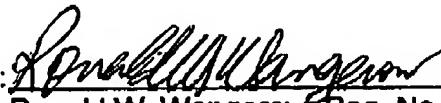
of allowable claim 3 and have amended claims 4 and 5 to depend from claim 1. Therefore, claims 1, 2, and 4-7 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

Respectfully submitted,

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